



**MINUTES – MEC REGULAR MEETING
4:00P.M, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dr. Louis Albert, Bill Ardern, Dr. Kent Barrabee, Dennis Barger, Diego Martinez Barrera, James Cook, George Favela, Jennifer Flores, Steve Freeman, Molly Gilbert, Teri Laguna, Paul Lovelis, Amber Mathewson, Aaron Myers, David Nicholson, Jo Riester, Jennifer Sprung, Dr. Alan Storm, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Patricia Wiedhopf.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, Dr. Mary Jan Bancroft, Richard Elias, Deborah Embry, Javier Herrera, Vicky Mullins, Regina Romero, Dr. Daisy Rodriguez Pitel, JoAnn Sayre, Dr. Kasey Urquidez.

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Melinda Cervantes, Dan Hunt, Jen Darland, Sheri Dahl, Johanna Duffek, Edward Nossem.

PLEASE NOTE: THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY MEC VICE-CHAIR PAT WIEDHOPF.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – PAT WIEDHOPF
The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.
- 2.0 ROLL CALL – PAT WIEDHOPF
Roll call was conducted; a quorum was established.
- 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – PAT WIEDHOPF
The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited by all attendees.
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 17, 2014 MEETING MINUTES – PAT WIEDHOPF
Motion to approve: George Favela
Second: Dr. Alan Storm
Motion carried 19- 0.
- 5.0 APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT – PAT WIEDHOPF
Motion: Dr. Alan Storm
Second: Dr. Louis Albert
Motion carried 19-0.

6.0 E-RATE FUNDING BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES – MELINDA CERVANTES & DAN HUNT

Pima County Downtown Library Director Melinda Cervantes and Dan Hunt presented on the E-Rate Funding benefits for schools and libraries, E-Rate is a universal Service Fund that is easy to apply for and obtain. There is a total of \$1.9 million as of the year 2014. MEC Commissioners asked various questions about the program; details of the program can be had by contacting Mr. Hunt at the Pima County Library

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – PAT WIEDHOPF

7.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

The MEC has put in for \$30,000 from Pima County, and MEC Staff will present on the proposal at a February 24th Outside Agency Advisory Committee meeting.

7.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb -Vignery

The 25th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, May 8th, 2015 at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel, 7350 S. Nogales Highway. We have 13 tables so far; there are:

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Amphitheater Unified School District; Arizona School Boards Association; Bill Ardern; CenturyLink; CORE Construction; Richard Elias Pima County Board of Supervisors District 5; Pima County Joint Technological Education District (JTED); Sunnyside Unified School District; Tech Parks Arizona; Tucson Urban League; University of Arizona Enrollment Management; June Webb-Vignery (MEC). The Save-The-Date cards will be mailed soon. Former MEC Commissioners are being invited to attend.

7.3 Appointments –Paul Lovelis

Jen Darland approved to replace Ann Eve Pedersen, City of Tucson appointee representing parents; Dr. Sheri Dahl's appointment replacing Dr. Mari Helen High representing the religious community was approved. We still need 2 TREO representatives.

7.4 YAC/TTC – David Nicholson & Diego Martinez Barrera

The Student Lobby Day will take place on Wednesday, March 4th, 2015; transportation arrangements are being made. YAC/TTC members have been issued parental and school permission forms to be signed and returned to the MEC; the schools that had Teen Town Hall attendees will also be asked to send 2 representatives. Training for the Lobby Day took place at the Wednesday, January 7th YAC/TTC meeting; Senators Steve Farley and Dave Bradley, along with Jen Darland, presented on the Arizona Legislature and lobbying techniques. The youth will form committees that will meet with Senate and House members. The YAC/TTC has also been in consultation with the LULAC Career Fair, offering excellent suggestions for workshop topics.

7.5 Issues –Pat Wiedhopf - No action.

7.6 Regional College Access Center – Dr. June Webb-Vignery (for David Rodriguez)

David Rodriguez has been training Student Ambassadors and presenting at the 4 high schools associated with the Helios Grant (Sunnyside, Desert View, Flowing Wells and Pueblo). Activities with the Pima County Library system are also moving forward. Plans are moving forward to bring the College Advising Corps to Arizona, through a University of Arizona/MEC collaboration. Dr. Webb-

Vignery was interviewed by Arizona Public Media for a kickoff of a Systems Change Conference that addresses first generation students that will take place at Rincon High School on Thursday, February 12th, 6:15 p.m. MEC Commissioners are also urged to attend.

7.7 Key to Employment – Ed Nossem

The K2E will take place on Wednesday, February 11th at the University of Arizona Student Union, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. MEC Commissioners are urged to attend this event, which is unique in Arizona.

8.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – PAT WIEDHOPE

Motion to Adjourn: George Favela

Second: Jennifer Sprung

The motion passed 19-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.